

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for thoroughly reviewing and considering the pending application. The Office Action dated May 19, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Initially, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-26.

The Office Action rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,412,298 to *Kang et al.* (hereinafter “*Kang*”). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As required in Chapter 2131 of the M.P.E.P., in order to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102, “the reference must teach every element of the claim.” The Applicants respectfully submit that *Kang* does not teach every element recited in claim 27. Thus, *Kang* cannot anticipate these claims.

Claim 27 recites an air conditioner, comprising, among other features, an outdoor part for intaking outdoor air at “lower surfaces thereof.” *Kang* does not disclose this. While Figure 2 of *Kang* does disclose an outer case 90 having air vent grills 92, the air vent grills 92 are not disposed in a lower surface of an outdoor part, as recited in claim 27. Accordingly, *Kang* does not disclose all the features of claim 27 and the Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicant’s representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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